लिए इस शर्त पर तैयार है कि भारत सरकार यह प्रमाणित करे कि स्व० श्यामजी वर्मा को कोई सगा-संबंधी इस समय जीवित नहीं है। यदि उनका कोई सगा-संबंधी जीवित है, तो ऐसा अनुरोध उससे प्राप्त होना चाहिए। स्विस प्राधिकारी यह भी जानना चाहते हैं कि भारत सरकार किस प्रयोजन से अस्थियां भारत लाना चाहती है। मंत्रालय गुजरात की सरकार के साथ संपर्क में है ताकि श्री श्यामजी कृष्ण वर्मा के सगे-संबंधी के संबंध में वस्तु स्थिति का पता लगाया जा सके। गुजरात की सरकार से इस संबंध में उत्तर प्राप्त होना है।

Indian Nationals in SAARC Countries' Jails

7102. SHRI V GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of our nationals being kept in illegal custody by SAARC countries was taken up at the appropriate level by Government in the past at any of SAARC conferences/ meetings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would see that all nationals of other countries kept in our custody, are released unilaterally after certain period to facilitate release of our nationals being kept illegally by SAARC nations; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken to get the aged, sick and others released from the jails of SAARC nations immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L BHATIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The issue of our nationals being kept in illegal custody in SAARC countries jails was not taken up by the Government in the past at any SAARC Conferences or Meetings because it does fall within the agreed areas of cooperation as it is primarily an issue of bilateral nature.

(c) Such a proposal is not under consideration of the Government.

(d) The question of early release and repatriation of all Indian prisoners under detention in Pakistan had repeatedly been taken up with the Government of Pakistan. Our efforts continue.

Misuse of funds on receptions by MEA

7103. SHRI K.R. MALKANI. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of External Affairs holds most of its receptions in hotels and not in the Hyderabad House;

(b) whether the consumption of whiskey in these parties is shown as over 22 pegs per guest;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ths scale of consumption is not possible, if so, whether there is large scale leakage of funds under this head; and

(d) if so, what action Government contemplate to plug this loophole?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Ministry of External Affairs holds receptions at Hyderabad House and in hotels in Delhi depending upon the specific requirement of particular occasions. In general, receptions hosted by Ministers and Foreign Secretary are held at Hyderabad House. In 1994, a total of 87 functions were arranged by the Ministry of External Affairs at Hyderabad House

(b) As per specific need of the occasion, alcohol is served at receptions hosted by officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. However, the consumption of whiskey varies from function to function and has not been shown as over 22 pegs per guest.

(c) and (d) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to monitor and control expenditure on official engagements and this practice will continue.

Opening of New Diplomatic Missions Abroad

7104 SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries in which the country's diplomatic missions have been set up,

(b) whether Government have a proposal to open new missions abroad;

(c) if so, the names of the countries where they are proposed to be set up; and

(d) the details of expenditure which would be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) The countries in which India's diplomatic Missions have been set up may please be seen at statement 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' (*see* below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The names of the countries and places where Missions are proposed to be set up are :

(i)	Bratislava	Slovak Republic
(ii)	Port Moresby	Papua New Guniea
(iii)	Houston	United States of America
(iv)	Glasgow	United Kingdom

(d) The total annual expenditure on the above Missions is estimated to be Rs. 7,03,20,628/-.

Statement A

LIST OF MISSIONS AND POSTS

Embassies

1.	EI	Abidjan	Ivory Coast
2.	EI	Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates
3.	EI	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia
4.	EI	Algiers	Algeria
5.	EI	Almaty	Kazhakhstan
6.	EI	Amman	Jordan
7.	EI	Ankara	Turkey
8.	EI	Antananarivo	Madagascar
9.	EI	Ashkhabad	Turkemenistan
10.	EI	Athens	Greece
11.	EI	Baghdad	Iraq
12.	EI	Bahrain	Bahrain
13.	EI	Bangkok	Thailand
14.	EI	Beijing	China
15.	EI	Beirut	Lebanon
16.	EI	Belgrade	Yugoslavia
17.	EI	Berne	Switzerland
18.	EI	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstan
19.	EI	Bogota	Colombia
20.	EI	Bonn	Germany
21.	EI	Brasilia	Brazil
22.	EI	Brussels	Belgium
23.	EI	Bucharest	Romania
24.	EI	Budapest	Hungary
25.	EI	Buenos Aires	Argentina
26.	EI	Cairo	Egypt
27.	EI	Caracas	Venezuela
28.	EI	Copenhagen	Denmark
29.	EI	Dakar	Senegal
30.	EI	Damascus	Syria
31.	EI	Doha	Qatar
32.	EI	Dublin	Ireland
33.	EI	Dushanbe	Tajikistan
34.	EI	Hanoi	Vietnam

35.	EI	Havana	Cuba
36.	EI	Helsinki	Finland
37.	EI	Jakarta	Indonesia
38.	EI	Kabul	Afghanistan
39.	EI	Kathmandu	Nepal
40.	EI	Khartoum	Sudan
41.	EI	Kiev	Ukraine
42.	EI	Kuwait	Kuwait
43.	EI	Lima	Peru
44.	EI	Lisbon	Portugal
45.	EI	Luanda	Angola
46.	EI	Madrid	Spain
47.	EI	Manila	Philippines
48.	EI	Maputo	Mozambique
49.	EI	Mexico City	Mexico
50.	EI	Minsk	Belarus
51.	EI	Moscow	Russia
52.	EI	Muscat	Oman
53.	EI	Oslo	Norway
54.	EI	Panama	Panama
55.	EI	Paramaribo	Suriname
56.	EI	Paris	France
57.	EI	Phnom Penh	Cambodia
58.	EI	Prague	Czech Republic
59.	EI	Pyongyang	Korea (North)
60.	EI	Rabat	Morocco
61.	EI	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia
62.	EI	Rome	Italy
63.	EI	Sana'a	Yemen
64.	EI	Santiago	Chile
65.	EI	Seoul	Korea (South)
66.	EI	Sofia	Bulgaria
67.	EI	Stockholm	Sweden
68.	EI	Tashkent	Uzbekistan
69.	EI	Tehran	Iran
70.	EI	Tel Aviv	Israel
71.	EI	The Hague	Netherlands
72.	EI	Thimphu	Bhutan
73.	EI	Tokyo	Japan
74.	EI	Tripoli	Libya
75.	EI	Tunis	Tunisia
76.	EI	Ulan Bator	Mongolia
77.	EI	Vienna	Austria
78.	EI	Vientiane	Laos
79.	EI	Warsaw	Poland
80.	EI	Washington	United States of America
81.	EI	Yangon	Myanmar

Statement B

High Commissions

1.	HCI	Accra	Ghana
2.	HCI	Bander Seri Begawan	Brunei
3.	HCI	Canberra	Australia
4.	HCI	Colombo	Sri Lanka
5.	HCI	Dar-es-Salaam	Tanzania
6.	HCI	Dhaka	Bangladesh
7.	HCI	Gabarone	Botswana
8.	HCI	Georgetown	Guyana
9.	HCI	Harare	Zimbabwe
10.	HCI	Islamabad	Pakistan
11.	HCI	Kampala	Uganda
12.	HCI	Kingston	Jamaica
13.	HCI	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
14.	HCI	Lagos	Nigeria
15.	HCI	London	United Kingdom
16.	HCI	Lusaka	Zambia
17.	HCI	Mahe	Seychelles
18.	HCI	Male	Maldives
19.	HCI	Malta	Malta
20.	HCI	Nairobi	Kenya
21.	HCI	Nicosia	Cyprus
22.	HCI	Ottawa	Canada
23.	HCI	Port Louis	Mauritius
24.	HCI	Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago
25.	HCI	Pretoria	South Africa
26.	HCI	Singapore	Singapore
27.	HCI	Wellington	New Zealand
28.	HCI	Windhoek	Namibia

Statement C

Consulates General of India

1.	CGI	Birmingham	U.K.
2.	CGI	Chiangmai	Thailand
3.	CGI	Chicago	United States of America
4.	CGI	Dubai	UAE
5.	CGI	Durban	South Africa
6.	CGI	Frankfurt	Germany
7.	CGI	Geneva	Switzerland
8.	CGI	Hamburg	Germany
9.	CGI	Ho-Chi-Minh City	Vietnam
10.	CGI	Istanbul	Turkey
11.	CGI	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia
12.	CGI	Johannesburg	South Africa
13.	CGI	Medan	Indonesia

14.	CGI	Milan	Italy
15.	CGI	New York	United States of America
16.	CGI	Odessa	Ukraine
17.	CGI	Osaka-Kobe	Japan
18.	CGI	Port Said	Egypt
19.	CGI	Reunion Islands	France
20.	CGI	San Francisco	United States of America
21.	CGI	Shanghai	China
22.	CGI	Shiraz	Iran
23.	CGI	St. Petersburg	Russia
24.	CGI	Sydney	Australia
25.	CGI	Toronto	Canada
26.	CGI	Vancouver	Canada
27.	CGI	Vladivostok	Russia
28.	CGI	Zahidan	Iran
29.	CGI	Zanzibar	Tanzania

Statement D

Assistant High Commissions

1.	AHCI	Chittagong	Bangladesh
2.	AHCI	Kandy	Sri Lanka
3.	AHCI	Rajshahi	Bangladesh

Commission

1.	CI	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
2.	CI	Mombasa	Kenya

Special Missions

1.	*Berlin (Off. of EI)*	*Germany*
2.	Geneva (PMI)	Switzerland
3.	New York (PMI)	United States of America
4.	Paris (UNESCO) (PDI)	France
5.	Phuntsholing (LO)	Bhutan

Time Bound Programme to Issue Passports

7105. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out to issue passport to the applicants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) It is the endeavour of the Passport Offices to issue passports within a period of one month. Currently, 17 out of 23 passport offices are issuing passport within 6-8 weeks. Every effort is made including through upgradation of office facilities, review of systems and procedures, regular inspections and computerisation of passport offices to ensure that passports are issued in reasonable time frame.

Renewal of the Lease for the High Commissioner's residence in U.K.

7106. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: